

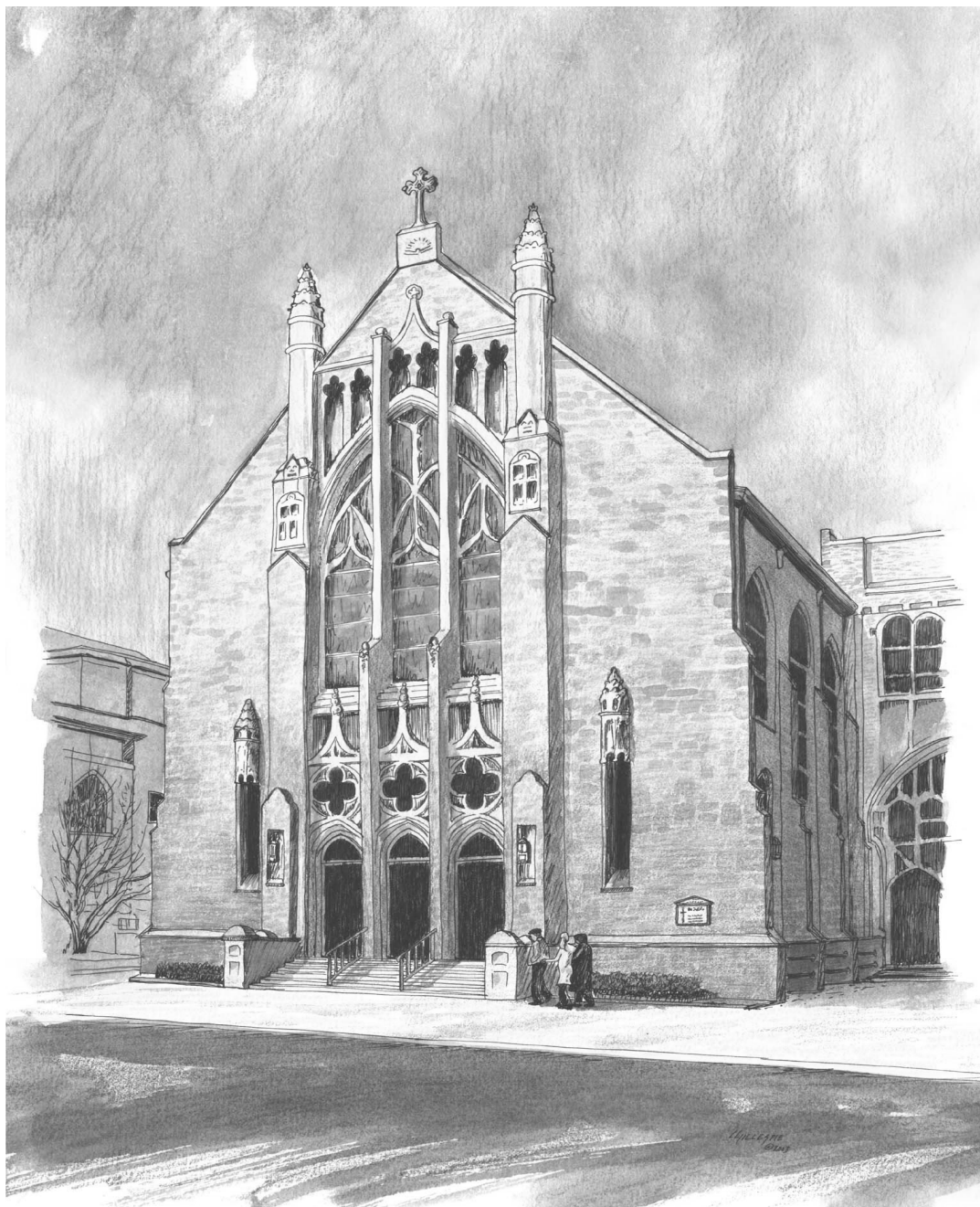


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO

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July 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.



We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that exemplifies the kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason, including sexual orientation or gender identity.

We welcome all with *open hearts, open minds, open doors.*

We would like to connect with you.

Please fill out the attendance pad and introduce yourself as you pass it to your neighbor.
You are invited in these beginning moments to use the prayer cards found in the pew
pockets. The cards will be collected by an usher, shared with clergy, and if you wish,
shared aloud during worship.

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE *Prelude*

D. Zipoli

GREETING

Jacqueline Stilger

HYMN SING

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CELEBRATION OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT RESIDENCY

***HYMN #2190** *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

(FWS-black hymnal)

***SCRIPTURE** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Lisa Batten

This is what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL

Julia Librizzi

BLESSING FOR THE CHILDREN

MESSAGE *The Reckless Sower*

Rev. Matt Weiler

***HYMN #583** *You Are the Seed*

(UMH-red hymnal)

A soloist will sing v. 1. The congregation is invited to join in singing vs. 2 and 3.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Julie Kline

Our God/Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Your Great Name*
Pianist: Katy McGinnis

Michael Neale

***THE DOXOLOGY #101** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* (vs. 1)

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung,
Through every land by every tongue.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Giver of life,
we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth
to choke your word among us.
As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully,
so we long to participate in your seeding of the world.
Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives.
Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us
until we yield and grow in grace,
for we pray in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world.
Amen.

OUR SHARED LIFE

***HYMN #2241** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (FWS-black hymnal)

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* J. Mouret

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Matt Weiler, Rev. Julie Kline, Julia Librizzi,
Lisa Batten

Director of Music **Organist**
Jacqueline Stilger Bernie Foulk

Satellite Worship Coordinator: Pastor Thom Victor

AV Team: Bryan Heany, Drew Eaton, Max Miller,

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

In our worship, we strive to witness to the wholeness of God, embracing the diversity of images of God that are found within Scriptures. We will seek to include male, female, and gender-neutral language and imagery for God, and utilize language that helps to avoid binary terms in pronouns and images of people. In our hymns and liturgy, we invite you to use pronouns that best express your practice and affirm your faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Celebrations Today. Please come to the Perks area after church and enjoy some cake and fellowship in celebration of Jackie and Bernie's marriage and in recognition of our Youth and Young Adult Resident - Mandakini Brophy.

Kalamazoo Service Project. KSP will begin on Monday July 17 as our youth come together for service to the Kalamazoo Community. This year we will work with Building Blocks and their Solar Light's Initiative, along with Wesley Foundation of Kalamazoo making improvements to the student living community. Please join us in worship on July 16 as we commission the youth and adult leaders for a week of service. Thursday evening July 20 all are invited to a church cookout on the front lawn with the KSP volunteers at 5:30 p.m. Any adults interested in helping with food prep for the week please contact Donna Dunyak.

July Mission of the Month. The July Mission of the Month is school supplies for Spring Valley Elementary School. This Kalamazoo Public School serves a population with over 90% of the students receiving free or reduced lunch, meaning over 90% of the kids are considered lower income. Many of the children get more than their educational needs met at Spring Valley - including school supplies, clothing, food, and hygiene products. In July, our church will help Spring Valley by collecting school supplies. Here is a list of what the teachers have requested: Ticonderoga pencils, colored pencils, Crayola crayons, pencil boxes, glue sticks, thin markers, dry erase markers.

Hospitality Team. Please help us welcome people to our church. We want to continue building the Hospitality Team and need people to be greeters and ushers, help with Memorial Services and Perks (Sunday refreshments), and follow up with worship visitors. Please contact Vickie Winfield for more information vandcwinfield@aol.com.

Summer Small Groups. Join us through the summer for biking, gardening, softball, and activities at the church!

***Softball** - Come out to play in the church league. Participation is open to all genders and skill levels. Players must be 13 years old to play. Games are held at Pathfinder United Methodist Church on Thursday evenings. Contact Jay Gross for more information. jaynlaura5@gmail.com.

***Gardening** - We are also helping with the Sunnyside United Methodist Church community gardens on Gull Rd. every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate!

***Biking** - every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the Kal Haven trailhead. We'll increase our roundtrip distance weekly, culminating in a September ride to South Haven with a beach picnic. Questions may be directed to Dawn Wheaton at dawheaton53@gmail.com.

***Sunday Evening Small Groups** - Our Sunday groups will continue to meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. through the summer on the first Sunday of each month. Activities include games, yoga, crafts, and fellowship. Contact Donna for more information, dsdunyak@gmail.com.

CARES Initiative. There are puzzle-shaped magnets available at the Welcome Desk with the CARES acronym. Please take one and put it somewhere you look frequently as a reminder that you are an important piece of our community. By caring for yourself and others, you can strengthen and maintain our beloved community.

What is Godly Play? Children 4 years old to 6th grade are invited to their own kind of worship on the 2nd floor called, "Godly Play." We hear and see God's stories and wonder together about what it might mean. Children return to their families before worship ends.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

July 23

8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Ahimsa

Psalm 139: 1-12; 23-24 and

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 30

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Julie Kline

Elusive Kingdom

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

We're glad you are our guest today!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Center.

Child care with trained and fully vaccinated staff is provided on the second floor for infants through three-year-olds.

Worship activities for children can be found on a cart outside the said sanctuary doors.

LARGE print bibles and Hymnals are available at the Park Street entrance.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center.

Today's service is being livestreamed and recorded.

You may request a free copy of the DVD from the office. Previous worship services may be found on our website: www.umc-kzo.org. You may view worship services on our YouTube channel: [Kalamazoofirstunitedmethodistchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkalamazoofirstunitedmethodistchurch)

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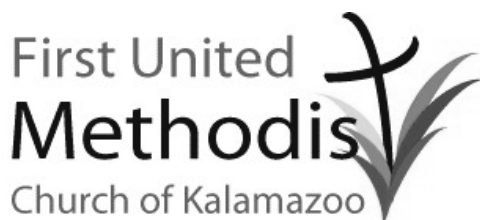
Director of Children and Families Ministries

Thom Victor

Pastor of Congregational Care

Ruth LaMachia

Director of Business Administration



OUR MISSION

We are called to
Experience God's love
Celebrate God's love
Share God's love

OUR VISION

We are a Faith Community
Alive in Christ
Open to all
Growing in faith
Serving our neighbors
Active in the world

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 16

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Friendship Village Satellite Worship

Monday, July 17

Kalamazoo Service Project All Week

12:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Chapel

5:00 p.m. Finance Team - Zoom

Tuesday, July 18

9:30 a.m. Worship Planning - Zoom

12:30 p.m. Clergy/Directors Meeting - TBD

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 a.m. Yoga - Zoom (All are welcome)

9:00 a.m. Dawn Patrol - Parlor

12:00 p.m. Cuppa Inspiration - Facebook Live

12:30 p.m. Food Pantry

3:00 p.m. HON - TBD

4:00 p.m. Church Clean Up

5:30 p.m. Moms Demand Action - Parlor

6:00 p.m. Gardening Small Group - Sunnyside Community Garden

Thursday, July 20

9:30 a.m. First Stitchers - Fellowship Room

9:30 a.m. Trustees - Zoom

5:30 p.m. All Church Cookout - Front Lawn

6:30 p.m. Bicycling Small Group - Kal-Haven Trail

7:45 p.m. Softball - Pathfinder church

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

Sunday, July 23

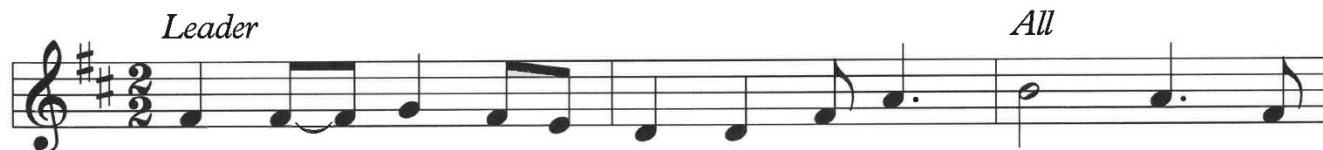
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Bring Forth the Kingdom



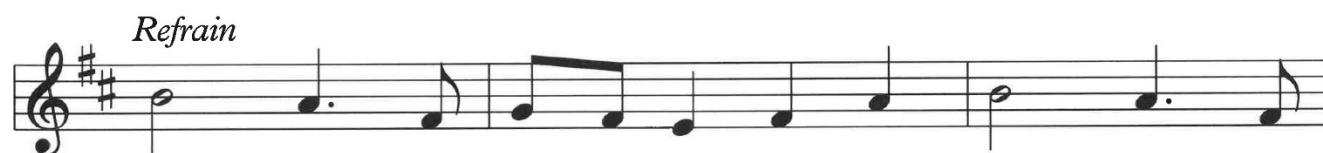
1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: Salt for the
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: Light for the
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: Bring forth the
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: Bound for the



King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the Cit - y of God!

WORDS: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13-16)

MUSIC: Marty Haugen

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Irregular with Refrain

Sois la Semilla

Unísono (Unison)

(You Are the Seed)

Sois la se - mi - lla que ha de cre - cer, sois es -
 Sois la ma - ña - na que vuel - ve a na - cer, sois es -

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a
 You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the

tre - lla que ha de bri - llar. Sois le - va - du - ra, sois
 pi - ga que em - pie - za a gra - nar. Sois a - gui - jón y ca -

star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a
 wheat that will bear gold - en grain; you are a sting and a

gra - no de sal, an - tor - cha que de - be a - lum - brar.
 ri - cía a la vez, tes - ti - gos que voy a en - viar.

small grain of salt, a bea - con to glow in the dark.
 soft, gen - tle touch, my wit - ness - es wher - e'er you go.

Estribillo (Refrain)

Id, a - mi - gos, por el mun - do, a - nun -
 Sed, a - mi - gos, mis tes - ti - gos de mi

Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing
 Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the

WORDS: Cesareo Gabaraín, 1979; trans. by Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon
 and Skinner Chávez-Melo (Mt. 28:19-20)
 MUSIC: Cesareo Gabaraín, 1979; harm. by Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

ID Y ENSEÑAD
 10 9.10 8 with Refrain

G A7 D Em7 A7 Bm

cian - do el a - mor, men - sa - je - ros de la vi - da,
 re - su - rrec - ción. Id lle - van - do mi pre - sen - cia;
 love to all, mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace,
 dead I a - rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er,

1. G A 2. G A7 D

de la paz y el per - dón. con vo - so - tros es - toy.
 e - ter - nal love. till the end of the world."

2.
 Sois una llama que ha de encender
 resplandores de fe y caridad.
 Sois los pastores que han de llevar
 al mundo por sendas de paz.
 Sois los amigos que quise escoger,
 sois palabra que intento esparcir.
 Sois reino nuevo que empieza a engendrar
 justicia, amor y verdad.
Estrillo

3.
 Sois fuego y sabia que vine a traer,
 sois la ola que agita la mar.
 La levadura pequeña de ayer
 fermenta la masa del pan.
 Una ciudad no se puede esconder,
 ni los montes se han de ocultar,
 en vuestras obras que buscan el bien
 el mundo al Padre verá.
Estrillo

2.
 You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
 sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
 you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
 through valleys and pastures of peace.
 You are the friends that I chose for myself,
 the word that I want to proclaim.
 You are the new kingdom built on a rock
 where justice and truth always reign.
Refrain

3.
 You are the life that will nurture the plant;
 you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
 yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
 a new loaf of bread it will yield.
 There is no place for a city to hide,
 nor a mountain can cover its might;
 may your good deeds show a world in despair
 a path that will lead all to God.
Refrain

From All That Dwell Below the Skies 101



1. From all that dwell be - low the skies,
 2. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord;
 3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring,
 4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song;



let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's
 e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from
 in songs of praise di - vine - ly sing; the great sal - va - tion
 to ev - ery land the strains be - long; in cheer - ful sounds all



name be sung, through ev - ery land by ev - ery tongue.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
 loud pro - claim, and shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
 voic - es raise, and fill the world with loud - est praise.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET
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The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve 2241



1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the



go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to
gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

WORDS: Delores Dufner, OSB

MUSIC: USA folk melody

LAND OF REST
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